



Respective Roles of the Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) and Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC)

Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO)

The Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) is a State agency, with legal authority granted to it by the Governor in his June 27, 2008 Executive Order #7. The mission of the RIO is to ensure that the State of Iowa rebuilds safer, stronger and smarter than before from the catastrophic flooding and severe storms of 2008. The RIO has been given authority in a variety of critical areas, including the following: coordinating state activities concerning the rebuilding effort; securing funding and other resources needed for the recovery, and establishing priorities and disbursement guidelines for any such funds received; establishing federal and state legislative agendas associated with the recovery effort; establishing principles and policies for redevelopment; establishing timelines and benchmarks associated with the recovery effort; providing opportunities for public and business input; ensuring transparency in the recovery process; and speaking with one voice on behalf of all of the State of Iowa, to include advocating for the resources necessary to spur recovery and communicating progress, status and needs of the recovery to officials, community advocates and the public. The RIO is supported by a professional staff drawn primarily from existing State agency personnel to allow it to achieve its mission, vision, goals and objectives. Throughout its initiatives, the RIO is committed to a recovery and rebuilding process that is fair and equitable to everyone.

Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC)

The Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC) is a 15-member non-partisan Commission, appointed by the Governor of Iowa. The RIAC was established in the same Executive Order that established the RIO (June 27, 2008 Executive Order #7). The Members of the RIAC assist the RIO, and through them the Governor, in providing the vision, creativity, and leadership to identify, prioritize, and address the short- and long-term issues of recovery. As an advisory body, the RIAC has no direct legal authority, however the Commission is charged with: recommending policy to facilitate long-term recovery in the state; making recommendations to the RIO and overseeing their activities; and assisting with the identification of strategic issues and broad-based recovery needs and priorities. Members of the Commission will also serve as Task Force Chairs for the nine RIO Recovery Task Forces, helping to facilitate dialogue on complex recovery issues and make recommendations in focused issue areas.